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NEW YORK BERRY PRODUCTION DECREASES

Strawberry production in New York was down 20 percent from 2009 to 3.50 million pounds, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The value of utilized production is estimated at \$6.90 million, down 24 percent from the \$9.02 million in 2009. New York ranks eighth in strawberry production. Nationally, the strawberry crop for 2010 was placed at 2.85 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2009.

Production of blueberries for the Empire State was at 2.30 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. The 2010 crop is valued at \$4.52 million, a slight decrease from \$4.56 million last year. The U.S. estimate for blueberries is 415 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2009.

Total raspberry production in New York was 1.30 million pounds in 2010, down 13 percent from 2009. The raspberry crop is valued at \$3.75 million, an 8 percent decrease from last year.

New York's berry crop had a combined total value of \$15.2 million. This value is down 14 percent from the \$17.6 million in 2009. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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